

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(original) Compositions comprising:

- a. silymarin or components thereof, in free form or complexed with phospholipids;
- b. lycopene, in pure form or in the form of *Lycopersicum aesculentum* extract;
- c. lauric acid or a non-toxic ester or salt thereof or the lipophilic extract of *Serenoa repens*;
- d. optionally, zinc salts and/or selenium compounds.

2.(original) Compositions as claimed in claim 1, in which component a. is silybin complexed with phosphatidylcholine.

3.(currently amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1 [[or 2]], in which component c. is lauric acid methyl or ethyl ester or its zinc salt.

4.(currently amended) Compositions as claimed in ~~any one of the above claims~~ claim 1 in which the selenium compound is methylselenocysteine.

5.(currently amended) Compositions as claimed in ~~any one of the above claims~~ claim 1 containing daily dosages of 100 mg to 1 g of silybin o silymarin o the equivalent of the corresponding phospholipid complexes; 2 to 30 mg of Lycopene; 20 to 80 mg of lauric acid or esters or salts thereof; 8 to 16 mg of zinc and 5 to 20 µg of selenium as methylselenocysteine.

6.(original) Compositions as claimed in claim 5 containing 160 mg of silybin complexed with phosphatidylcholine; 7.5 mg of Lycopene; 22 mg of Zn laurate and 12 µg of methylselenocysteine.

7.(currently amended) ~~The use of a combination of~~ Method of preparing medicaments or nutraceuticals for the treatment of benign prostate hyperplasy and for the treatment and the prevention of the non-hormone-dependent prostate carcinoma, which comprises: admixing

- a. silymarin or components thereof, in free form or complexed with phospholipids;
- b. lycopene, in pure form or in the form of *Lycopersicum esculentum* extract;
- c. lauric acid or a non-toxic ester or salt thereof or the lipophilic extract of *Serenoa repens*; and
- d. optionally zinc salts and/or selenium compounds. ~~for the preparation of medicaments or nutraceuticals for the treatment of benign prostate hyperplasy and for the treatment and the prevention of the non-hormone dependent prostate carcinoma.~~

8.(new) Method for treating benign prostate hyperplasy and of treating and preventing the non-hormone prostate carcinoma, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a composition according to claim 1.